

REMARKS

Applicants have filed this Amended Supplemental Amendment in response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2004 which indicated that the Supplemental Amendment filed on February 23, 2004 was non-compliant for improperly identifying the status of claims 18-23 and 27. Applicants submit that this Amended Supplemental Amendment properly identifies the status of the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

The Amended Supplemental Amendment has been filed to better define the scope of the claims and to correct formal errors in the claims. In this Amended Supplemental Amendment, claims 16, 24, 29, 30, 33, 46, 65 and 71 have been amended. The claims were amended to clarify that the expelled gas is substantially air, not raw gas; however, some raw gas may be expelled. The claims have also been amended to better defined the no-flow zone that exists in and/or in front of the leveler door opening. The arguments concerning the allowance of the claims over the cited art of record are incorporated herein from the Amendment filed on December 8, 2003.

Applicants maintain that all the claims presently pending in above-identified patent application are patentably distinct from the cited art of record.

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